

LTBB Housing Commission
Third Quarter Report
July 2019-October 2019

The LTBB Housing Commission consists of Chairperson Patrick Wemigwase, Secretary Annette VanDeCar and Commissioners Larry Stead and Judith Pierzynowski.

The Housing Commission held regularly scheduled meetings on July 12, 2019 and September 6, 2019 with official minutes recorded. Scheduled meetings were held on August 2, 2019 and October 4, 2019, however, a quorum of commissioners was not present at those meetings, so no official minutes were recorded from those meetings.

During the third quarter, Chairperson Patrick Wemigwase and Commissioner Judith Pierzynowski were reappointed to the Housing Commission for four-year terms at the July 11, 2019 Tribal Council meeting.

Yarrow Young became the new Occupancy Specialist in the Housing Department; all tribal citizen concerns regarding tribal rentals are to be directed to her. The Housing Department chose not to hire an Administrative Assistant, the position previously held by Yarrow Young.

There are continued problems with non-household items being placed in or around the dumpster at the Wah Wahs No De Kee Housing in Harbor Springs, MI. The dumpster there is now being provided by Little Traverse Disposal in Harbor Springs, MI; it was previously provided by American Waste.

Executive Directive #38-09042019-01 established a workgroup for the planning and design of apartment buildings at the Mtigwaakiis Housing Site. The Housing Commission is represented on the workgroup by Secretary Annette VanDeCar. Secretary Annette VanDeCar has attended the first three meetings and brought information back to the Housing Commission. She will attend the next meeting scheduled for October 28, 2019. Tribal Council appropriated funds for a contractor to design plans for the apartment buildings. The Housing Department is waiting to hear if it will receive a HUD grant to build the apartment buildings; the Housing Department is expected to hear in late October or early November.

The Housing Department continues to work with the Planning Department and Seven Generations Architecture & Engineering, LLC to develop a preliminary site plan/design to develop housing on the Second Street property in Harbor Springs, MI. The concept with the most promise would include six duplexes arranged throughout the property for 12 rental units. The next phase of the project is to pursue funding for the design of the units and development of the site.

During the third quarter, Great Lakes Energy's Truestream laid the groundwork for high speed broadband Internet services for residents at the Wah Wahs Noo Da Ke tribal housing community in Harbor Springs, MI. It is unknown when the service will be available for residents.

The Housing Commission's next meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by Annette VanDeCar, Secretary of the LTBB Housing Commission